raised platforms in the flood affected areas in Assam;

(b) if not, whether Government contemplate to discontinue this scheme in future; and

(c) if so, the areas benefited by the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Raised platforms do provide relief to the society and are proposed to be continued as a flood proofing activity. The benefit derived have not been assessed by the State of Assam.

Corruption in Brahmani Subarnarekha division

1590. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports appearing in the Sun Times, Bhubaneswar dated 9th May, 1991 and 12th October, 1991 about alleged corruption in Brahmani Subarnarekha division and Eastern Rivers division of Bhubaneshwar of the Central Water Commission;

(b) whether any enquiry by CBI has been ordered, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A Chief Engineer of the Central Water Commission has been asked to investigate and submit report in the matter.

Sardar Sarover Project

1591. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a working group was sent by the World Bank to review the construction work of Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) whether Government have received the views of the team; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No working group was sent by the World Bank to review the construction work of Sardar Sarovar Project. However, an Independent Review Mission was commissioned by the Bank with an objective of getting an assessment of the Implementation of rehabilitation and resettlement of the displaced persons and environmental safeguards under the project.

(b) and (c) The Mission visited India during October/November, 1991 and February, 1992 and held detailed discussions with concerned State and Central Government Officers, Non-Government Organisations, agitationists, environmentalists etc. and visited the relocation villages vis-a-vis some villages coming under submergence, to collect the factual information. The views of the Mission will be known after it submits its report to the Bank.

Yamuna River Water Board

1592. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Yamuna River Water Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the board is likely to be established;

(d) the main objectives and functions of the proposed river board; and

(e) whether the proposed river board would also take up the task of cleaning of Yamuna?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) In the inter-State meeting on Sharing of Yamuna Waters and other related issues held on 28th